

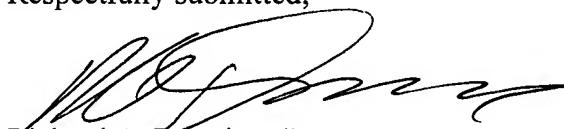
REMARKS

Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Filed herewith are excess claims fees required by the above amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Richard A. Dunning, Jr., Applicant's Attorney, at 831.420.0561 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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